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SUBJECT: VISIT TO AUSTRIA OX ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. VISIT TO AUSTRIA, JANUARY 25-28, OF ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU WAS DESCRIBED AS ROUTINE AND FOLLOWED PRETTY MUCH SCENARIO SET OUT IN REFTELS, ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN MFA SOURCE WHO TOOK PART IN DISCUSSIONS. BOTH SIDES STRESSED IN APPEARANCES BEFORE PRESS ABSENCE OF ANY BILATERAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF BIELKA-MACOVESCU TALKS. MACOVESCU ADDED OBSERVATION THAT HIS VISIT HAD GIVEN RISE TO "CLIMATE OF PERMANENT COOPERATION", AND HAD UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF "PERIODIC EXCHANGES OF VIEWS."

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END OX VISIT TOOK NOTE OF "COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, CONCERNING WHICH BOTH SIDES WERE IN AGREEMENT ON NUMEROUS QUESTIONS." THESE SET FORTH AS (1) SATISFACTION OVER PROGRESS ON DETENTE AND DETERMINATION TO ADVANCE PROGRESS IN ALL ASPECTS; (2) CONFIRMATION THAT (BILATERAL) RELATIONS BASED ON TEN CSCE PRINCIPLES, BY WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE GUIDED, SINCE THESE

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PRINCIPLES ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION TO LASTING PEACE IN

EUROPE AND WORLD; (3) LINKAGE OF GENUINE SECURITY IN EUROPE WITH MEASURES TO REDUCE MILITARY CONFRONTATION BY SUBSTANTIAL DISARMAMENT WITHOUT AFFECTING SECURITY OF ANY COUNTRY AND (4) EMPHASIS ON SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING MULTILATERAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG BALKAN STATES. COMMUNIQUE ALSO MENTIONED INTEREST OF BOTH PARTIES IN SOLUTION OF CYPRUS QUESTION, IN RELATIONSHIP OF EUROPEAN SECURITY TO MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS AND IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, MACOVESCU MADE POINT THAT EUROPE SECURITY WAS NOT DEPENDENT ON "FEW MARRIAGE AND TRAVEL PERMITS," CONCERN FOR WHICH COULD NOT BE SUBSTITUTE FOR "OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION" OF CSCE DOCUMENT. IN RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS, MACOVESCU OBSERVED THAT ROMANIA'S DESIRE FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD NOT AFFECT ROMANIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN WARSAW PACT AND THAT ROMANIA'S EFFORTS RE COOPERATION IN BALKANS DID NOT CONTRADICT ROMANIA'S BASIC STANCE OF OPPOSITION TO FORMATION OF NEW BLOCS.

4. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN MFA SOURCE, MACOVESCU SHOWED GREATER THAN ANTICIPATED CAUTION AND RESTRAINT IN DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES AND SEEMED MORE INTERESTED IN PLAYING DOWN AT THIS JUNCTURE ROMANIA'S DIFFERENCES WITH SOVIET UNION. HIS PUBLIC COMMENTARY THAT SPIRIT OF CSCE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED BY "FEW MARRIAGES AND TRAVEL PERMITS" WAS NOT ENCOURAGING TO AUSTRIANS WHO GAVE ROMANIANS AN UPDATED LISTING OF DIFFICULT CONSULAR AND HUMANITARIAN CASES. AUSTRIANS, FOR THEIR PART, REPORTEDLY GAVE ROMANIANS LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN MAJOR ROMANIAN INDUSTRIAL OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AGREEMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS SOON ON AGREEMENTS ON LONG-TERM (1976-1985) TRADE, DOUBLE TAXATION AND PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS GAVE VISIT A CERTAIN AURA OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUCHANAN

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